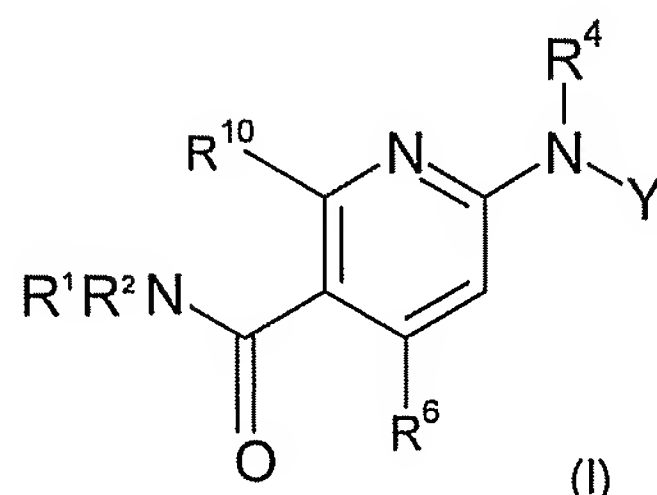


In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A compound of formula (I):



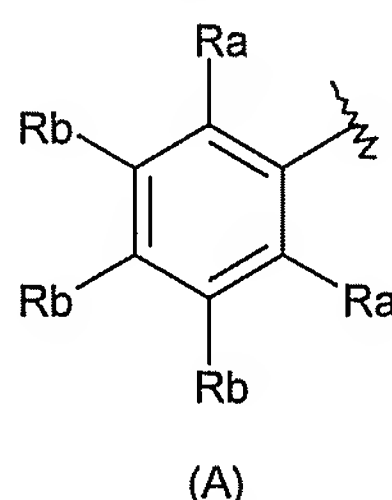
wherein:

Y is phenyl, substituted with one, two or three substituents selected from C₁₋₆ alkyl, halosubstitutedC₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ alkoxy, hydroxy, cyano, halo, C₁₋₆alkylsulfonyl, COOH, halosubstitutedC₁₋₆ alkoxy, CONH₂, NHCOCH₃, C₁₋₆alkynyl, C₁₋₆alkylenyl SO₂NR^{8a}R^{8b} wherein R^{8a} and R^{8b} are independently selected from H and C₁₋₆alkyl;

R¹ is selected from hydrogen, C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₃₋₇ cycloalkyl, and halosubstitutedC₁₋₆ alkyl;

R² is (CH₂)_mR³;

R³ is a [[an]] 5- to 6- membered aromatic heterocyclyl group unsubstituted or substituted with 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ alkoxy, halosubstitutedC₁₋₆ alkoxy, halosubstitutedC₁₋₆ alkyl, hydroxy, cyano, halo, sulfonyl, CONH₂ and COOH, or group A:



R⁴ is selected from hydrogen, C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₃₋₇ cycloalkyl, or halosubstitutedC₁₋₆ alkyl, COCH₃, and SO₂Me;

R⁶ is unsubstituted or substituted (C₁₋₆)alkyl or chloro and R¹⁰ is hydrogen or R¹⁰ is unsubstituted or substituted (C₁₋₆)alkyl or chloro and R⁶ is hydrogen wherein said substituted (C₁₋₆)alkyl is substituted with 1, 2 or 3

substitutents selected from hydroxy, C₁₋₆alkoxy, cyano, halo, NR^{8a} R^{8b},
CONR^{8a}R^{8b}, SO₂NR^{8a}R^{8b}, NR^{8a}COR^{8b} and NR^{8a} SO₂R^{8b};

R_a is independently selected from hydrogen, fluoro, chloro and trifluoromethyl;

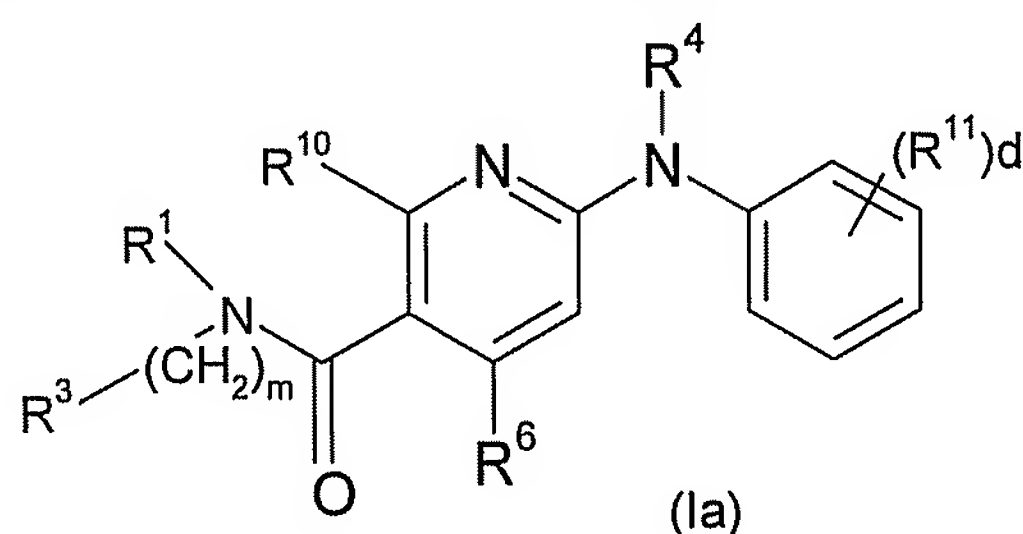
R_b is independently selected from hydrogen, C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ alkoxy, halo

substituted C₁₋₆ alkoxy, hydroxy, cyano, halo, sulfonyl, CONH₂, COOH,
SO₂CH₃, NHCOCH₃, NHSO₂CH₃ and CONHCH₃;

m is 1 or 2;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt derivative thereof.

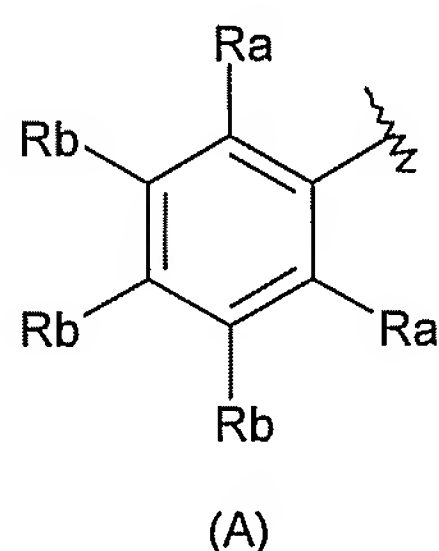
2. (Previously presented) A compound of formula (Ia):



wherein

R¹ is selected from hydrogen, C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₃₋₇ cycloalkyl, and halosubstitutedC₁₋₆
alkyl;

R³ is furanyl, dioxalanyl, pyrrolyl, oxazolyl, thiazolyl, imidazolyl, oxadiazolyl,
thiadiazolyl, triazolyl, triazinyl, isothiazolyl, isoxazolyl, thienyl, pyrazolyl,
tetrazolyl, pyridyl, pyrizinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl, triazinyl, or tetrazinyl
which can be unsubstituted or substituted with 1, 2 or 3 substitutents
selected from C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ alkoxy, halosubstitutedC₁₋₆ alkoxy,
halosubstitutedC₁₋₆ alkyl, hydroxy, cyano, halo, sulfonyl, CONH₂ and
COOH, or R³ is group A:



R⁴ is selected from hydrogen, C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₃₋₇ cycloalkyl, or

halosubstitutedC₁₋₆ alkyl, COCH₃, and SO₂Me;

R⁶ is unsubstituted or substituted (C₁₋₆)alkyl, chloro and R¹⁰ is hydrogen or R¹⁰ is unsubstituted or substituted (C₁₋₆)alkyl or chloro and R⁶ is hydrogen wherein said substituted (C₁₋₆)alkyl is substituted with 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from hydroxy, C₁₋₆alkoxy, cyano, halo, NR^{8a} R^{8b}, CONR^{8a}R^{8b}, SO₂NR^{8a}R^{8b}, NR^{8a}COR^{8b} and NR^{8a} SO₂R^{8b};

R_a is independently selected from hydrogen, fluoro, chloro and trifluoromethyl;

R_b is independently selected from hydrogen, C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ alkoxy,

halosubstitutedC₁₋₆ alkoxy, hydroxy, cyano, halo, sulfonyl, CONH₂, COOH, SO₂CH₃, NHCOCH₃, NHSO₂CH₃ and CONHCH₃;

R¹¹ is C₁₋₆ alkyl, halosubstitutedC₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ alkoxy, hydroxy, cyano, halo, C₁₋₆alkylsulfonyl, CONH₂, NHCOCH₃, COOH, halosubstitutedC₁₋₆ alkoxy, C₁₋₆alkynyl, C₁₋₆alkynyl, SO₂NR^{8a}R^{8b};

d is 1, 2, or 3:

m is 1 or 2;

R^{8a} and R^{8b} are independently selected from hydrogen and C₁₋₆alkyl; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt derivative thereof.

3. (Previously presented) A compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein R¹ is hydrogen or C₁₋₆alkyl

4. (Previously presented) A compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein R⁴ is hydrogen or methyl.

5. (Previously presented) A compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein R³ is selected from group A, pyridinyl, pyrimidinyl, imidazolyl, oxadiazolyl, triazolyl and pyrazinyl any of which are unsubstituted or substituted with 1, 2 or 3 substituents selected from C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ alkoxy, halosubstitutedC₁₋₆ alkoxy, hydroxy, cyano, halo, sulfonyl, CONH₂ and COOH.

6. (Canceled).

7. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound as claimed in claim 1.
8. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 7 further comprising a pharmaceutical carrier or diluent thereof.
9. (Previously presented) A method of treating a mammal suffering from a condition which is mediated by the activity of cannabinoid 2 receptors which comprises administering to said mammal a therapeutically effective amount of a compound as claimed in claim 1.
10. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 9, wherein said condition is selected from an immune disorder, an inflammatory disorder, pain, rheumatoid arthritis, multiple sclerosis, osteoarthritis and osteoporosis
11. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 10, wherein said pain is selected from inflammatory pain, visceral pain, cancer pain, neuropathic pain, lower back pain, muscular skeletal, post operative pain, acute pain and migraine.
12. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 9, wherein said mammal is a human.